Region III: Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties Arthur D. Jones, Regional Game Warden Philip D. Lines, Wildlife Field Superintendent

Region IV: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil and Harford Counties Gordon L. Saunders, Regional Game Warden Vacancy, Wildlife Field Superintendent

Region V: Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties James W. Ivens, Jr., Regional Game Garden Howard R. Zeller, Wildlife Field Superintendent

Region VI: Dorchester Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties Battie Mixon, Regional Game Warden John Warren, Wildlife Field Superintendent

The Department of Game and Inland Fish is associated with the Board of Natural Resources. The present Department, established in 1943, superseded the Game and Inland Fish Commission and the game and inland fish functions of the Conservation Department. The Department of Game and Inland Fish is under the direction of a nonsalaried commission of five members appointed by the Governor from the several geographical regions of the State. The term of each member is five years, one term expiring each year. The Commission elects a chairman and a vice-chairman from its membership, and appoints the Director of the Department. The Commission has the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the conservation of the resources in its charge. Such rules may restrict, extend or enlarge the terms of the game and fresh water fish laws. The Department enforces the game and fresh water fish laws and such additional regulations as it enacts. It also receives the proceeds from the sale of angling and hunting licenses, these funds being used to finance the activities of the department (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 113-115).

As of June 1953, the Department owned game farms and refuges totaling 30,000 acres. It has leased many other areas which are managed under the Maryland Cooperative Game Program. The State-owned game farms operated by the department are as follows: Gwynbrook State Game Farm in Baltimore County, Montgomery State Game Farm in Montgomery County, Wicomico State Game Farm in Wicomico County, and Belle Grove State Game Farm in Allegany County. At these farms bobwhites, wild ducks, and wild turkeys are propagated.

In all sections of Maryland special emphasis has been placed on habitat improvement on private and public lands for the purpose of increasing wildlife populations. Over 100,000 acres of State forests are managed for wildlife in cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks.

The Commission now owns and operates a fresh water fish hatchery at Lewistown, Frederick County, where trout and black bass are propagated. It also owns and operates trout rearing stations at Bear Creek in Garrett County and Beaver Creek in Washington County.

Ninety (90) major surface water areas containing more than five (5) acres each have been stocked with warm or cold water fish